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THAT the said *Hammond* was a considerable Trader for twenty Years, and paid the Crown upwards of 100,000 *l.* for Customs on Wine, Tobacco, and other Goods, but by reason of great Losses in Trade, he became disabled to pay *l.* 6,987 : 8 : 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, or thereabouts, due to the Crown for Customs; upon which, an Extent issued against him in the Year 1711, when he made a full Discovery of his Estate and Effects, which were accordingly found by Inquisition.

That Extents were also issued against *Samuel Woodlaw* and *Henry Wooden*, two of his Sureties, and their Effects seized.

Towards further satisfying the said Debt, the said *Hammond*, in 1711, assigned over to her late Majesty, several Sums, amounting to *l.* 2,890, due to him on Account of the Ship *Worcester*:

And there hath been since paid to the Receivers General of the Customs, out of his Effects and Sureties, the Sum of *l.* 3,320 : 4 : 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

That the said *Hammond* also assigned over to the Crown, ^{in 1714} his half Part of the Ship *Thomas* and *Elizabeth*, and her Freight, homeward bound from *Virginia*; which Moiety of the said Ship, cost him upwards of *l.* 3,520.

By which his Original Debt would have been paid, with an Overplus of *l.* 2,742 : 15 : 8. had not the said Ship been lost after it was assigned over for the Benefit of the Crown: And after such Assignment, the said *Hammond* was rendered incapable of making any Insurance himself on the said Ship.

That the said *Hammond*, and his said Securities *Samuel Woodlaw* and *Henry Wooden*, are all insolvent, and have, for many Years, laboured under great Hardships for a Subsistence, which they could not have had without the Help of their Friends, who are still willing to contribute and raise a Sum of Money for each of them respectively, in case an Act passes to compound with them, and that they may be discharged from their Bonds.

And as no Fraud was ever committed by the said *Hammond*, relating to this Debt, or any other Branch of his Trade; and both he and his two surviving Securities being rendered incapable of subsisting themselves, they most humbly pray, A Bill may pass to compound the said Debt due from the said *Hammond* and his Sureties.

All which is humbly submitted.